Agenda and Minutes

February 23, 2012

Learning Communities SPIN

This SPIN will be the central NADE information source for Learning Communities

1. Description for NADE website, conference program books, etc.

The NADE Learning Communities SPIN provides a forum for developmental education professionals to share promising practices in learning communities, cohort classes, contextualized courses, paired courses or any other organizational structure that support groups of students in developmental education courses. Members are encouraged to share successes and challenges in designing and implementing these various groupings of courses to support underprepared students and the professionals that manage and teach these courses. (with edits)

1. How will maintain our communication?

Facebook – privacy issues

Google Group

Email Group

WIKI – I already started one, but forgot my password. ☺

We decided to use Google Docs to form a group.

1. We can request a budget if we have needs. Others have used this for snacks or door prizes.

We decided to request a small amount of money for door prizes for NADE 2013.

1. Goals

Goal 1: Maintain communication by establishing what format and publishing two online newsletters.

All members will write a short introduction of themselves and their experience with learning communities. Two of the more experienced members will write an article for the first newsletter. Members with questions and concerns about learning communities will contact the more experienced members of the group.

Goal 2: Provide a listing of the various linkings/pairings of courses that NADE SPIN members are engaged in delivering.

Members will include this information with the short introduction.

Goal 3: Construct a survey of NADE institutions about linkings and pairings if needed after Kathy summarizes that information available from the Washington Center, Evergreen.

1. From Suzanne Walsh’s keynote this morning with some adaptions

Document the great work NADE members are doing with Learning Communities

Make connections with other professionals who develop and teach in Learning Communities

Be a network weaver to find those promising practices or to share your own promising practices in Learning Communities.